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Respectfully submitted,

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July 20, 1994

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20554

Re: CC Docket #92-77

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing to voice my concerns about the proposed Billed Party Preference regulation. The correctional facility inmate phone industry would be severely jeopardized by BPP, affecting inmates, their families and the criminal justice system as a whole. *For this reason, we are asking that inmate calls be exempt from the proposed BPP regulation.*

Over the past ten years, administrators of correctional facilities have been able to put into place a very effective system for allowing inmate phone calls. The right to choose our phone service provider has been key to our success. This service has always been delivered to us at very reasonable rates. What's more, inmate phone commissions have been a significant source of revenue for our facility and have helped us improve it dramatically. *We use this revenue to fund various programs including: law enforcement education; inmate health, education and recreation; jail personnel safety; drug prevention and other community programs; family visitation etc.*

Here are a few of my biggest concerns about Billed Party Preference:

- It strips correctional facility administrators of the right to choose inmate phone providers.
- Technology for BPP would reportedly cost upwards of \$1.5 billion, an expense that would have to be passed along to the consumer.
- Without the authority to process calls, inmate phone providers would no longer have the revenue to provide the sophisticated phone systems used in prisons. The end result: fewer phones with fewer security features. Facilities would have to revert to the old ways of supervising each and every inmate call.
- The average length of stay in jail would increase because inmates would not have the phone privileges required to make arrangements for obtaining bond. *This costs everyone!*
- Under BPP, correctional facilities would no longer have control over inmate calls, which means no call tracking or blocking. Inmates could conceivably harass judges, witnesses, jury members or even the victims of their crimes.
- Without call control, facilities would be unable to control fraud problems currently handled by inmate phone providers.

For the above reasons, and countless others, we believe that THE COSTS OF BILLED PARTY PREFERENCE FOR INMATE CALLS FAR OUTWEIGH THE BENEFITS. If BPP does become regulation, we urge you to make inmate calls exempt. Thank you for your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

James I. Kewth
Sheriff, Greene County
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July 28, 1994

The Honorable Reed E. Hundt
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Commissioner Hundt:

RE: Billed Party Preference; CC Docket Number 92-77

As Sheriff of Los Angeles County, California, and a Jail Administrator, I am requesting that the Federal Communications Commission exclude local jails from the proposed "Billed Party Preference" (B.P.P.) system for O+ Inter LATA regulations.

B.P.P. would assuredly eliminate the O+ commissions we currently receive and thereby eliminate the funding used to provide mandated inmate programs. The California Legislature has created Inmate Welfare Funds to provide jail administrators with the resources for inmate programs, services and facilities. Telephone commissions are the primary, and in some cases, the sole source of revenue for Inmate Welfare Funds. Many of these programs and services are now mandated by law and the courts, primarily the Federal courts. Elimination of telephone commission revenues would force local government to look at already strapped budgets to fund these mandates.

The services and programs provided by the Inmate Welfare Fund include Adult Education, GED and high school certification, basic literacy training, job training, substance abuse and family counseling, chaplains, religious services and others. Even basics like supplying indigent inmates with personal hygiene supplies and letter writing material are provided for by these funds. These programs would cease or have to be funded elsewhere.

B.P.P. would also eliminate our ability, working with the single long distance contract provider to prevent fraud. We would lose our ability to monitor phone calls during investigations and our ability to quickly block calls to protect victims and witnesses from intimidating or harassing phone calls.

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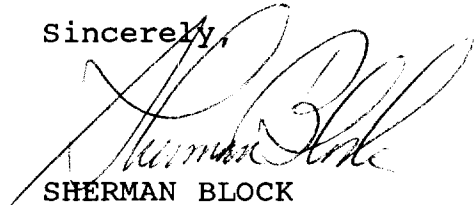
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I strongly urge you to exclude local jails from "Billed Party Preference" regulations.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Reed E. Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 92-77 Opposition to Billed Party Preference

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Respectfully submitted,

Sherriff Charles F. Moore
Name / Title

Washington County Detention Center
Name of Correctional Facility
500 Western Maryland Parkway
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August 1, 1994

The Honorable Reed E. Hundt, Chairman
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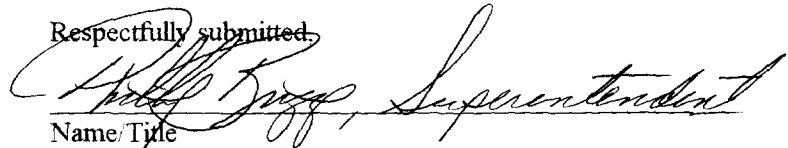
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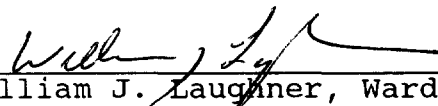
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Respectfully submitted,



William J. Laughner, Warden

Armstrong County Jail
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Barbara Roberts
Governor



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Al Chandler
Assistant Director/Institutions
Oregon Department of Corrections



King County
Department of Adult Detention
Arthur Wallenstein, *Director*

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July 25, 1994

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The Honorable Reed E. Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communication Commission
1919 M. Street-R. 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: BILLED PARTY PREFERENCE: CC DOCKET NO. 92-77

Dear Mr. Hundt:

I am writing to alert you to the difficult circumstances "billed party preference" will cause crime victims and witnesses, and private companies. Ten years ago inmates called victims and witnesses to harass and threaten them. These calls were made possible because the phones were unrestricted, prior to the present inmate telephone systems. Witnesses would answer the phone not knowing who they were talking to, and be verbally threatened and harassed before they realized who was calling. Now, with the present collect phone system, victims and witnesses are able to refuse calls from inmates before the inmate has a chance to threaten and intimidate them.

The fraudulent behavior of inmates using unrestricted phones was also extraordinarily costly to phone companies, individuals, and other private companies. An inmate would secure an illegal calling card number (or several numbers) and sell them to other inmates throughout the jail. The inmates would make fraudulent calls, and the public would call the jail and insist that inmates be restricted from telephones.

Under court order inmates cannot, in general, be restricted from the phones. Neither the public calling nor the jail could determine who among the thousands of inmates were making the calls. The cost of the bills ranged in the hundreds of dollars, up to \$25,000 for one company. Inmates were calling Europe, Canada, and other foreign countries, and talking for long periods of time. Inmates would call telephone answering services, hospital switch boards and others, duping the operators into putting calls through for them, until the billings alerted the companies to the criminal phone behavior.

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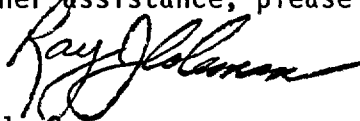
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Inmates cannot use calling card numbers over the present inmate phone system to make fraudulent calls, saving hundreds of thousands of dollars a year. Consider that there are 500,000 inmates locked up in U.S. jails on any given day, and there are at least 10 million prisoners going thorough our country's jails each year. This incredible large number of inmates make the potential costs of fraudulent phone behavior staggering. All of these problems have been worked on over the past 10 years and resolved through the present inmate phone system. Victims and witnesses are now protected, and fraudulent phone calls from jails have been virtually stopped.

The King County Department of Adult Detention requests that you consider the concerns and welfare of victims, witnesses, and companies that were at the mercy of these inmates, who committed fraudulent acts of illegal phone usage in the past, but who can no longer do so because of the current inmate phone systems.

I am certain prosecutors, criminal judges, police, and victims assistance, who hear complaints regarding the above inmate acts, would agree that the inmate phone system has proven successful in substantially stopping the past practice of the inmates criminal phone behavior.

Please maintain the present inmate phone regulations, allowing for reasonable and responsible inmate access to phones. If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at (206) 296-1269.



Ray J. Coleman
Associate Director-Services

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cc: The Honorable James H. Quello
The Honorable Rachelle B. Chong
The Honorable Andrew C. Barrett
The Honorable Susan Ness
APCC Inmate Phone Service Providers Task Force

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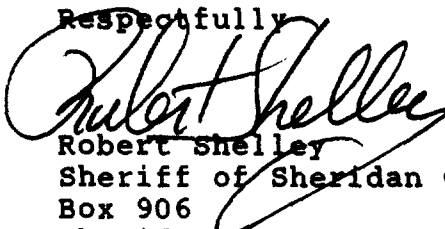
I am writing you to express my concerns with the Federal Communication pending ruling on the proposed "Billed Party Preference" for long distance calls.

This will greatly compromise our control of out going collect calls from the Sheridan County Detention Facility.

1. We will loose our ability to block certain telephone numbers from the inmate phones. (witnesses, victim harassment, etc).
2. It will open up the phone system for possible 3 way calls where inmates can carry on drug business and plan escapes and etc.
3. We will lose on revenue which helps support the detention facility and we will loose control of the cost of the call which could cost the inmate even more for calls from their loved ones.

I oppose the BPP and encourage the FCC to do the same.

Respectfully,


Robert Shelley
Sheriff of Sheridan County
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Re: Billed Party Preference for
O+ InterLATA Calls

Dear Sir:

We at the Mississippi County Detention Center are concerned about the proposed Billed Party Preference for long distance telephone calls. There are 3 particular areas that will be affected to our detriment, namely:

1. We will lose blocking control of our inmate phone calls.
2. We will lose revenue stream and the inmate family phone costs could go up.
3. The potential for fraud will creep back into the system.

Along with these major concerns, we also see a problem with who is going to pay for all this?

We eagerly oppose the Billed Party Preference and encourage the FCC to do the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leroy Meadows".
Leroy Meadows,
Sheriff

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cc: Vice President Al Gore
The Honorable U. S. Senator Dale Bumpers
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Dear Sir,

Current proposed legislation, namely Billed Party Preference, would cause the responsibility for choosing inmate phone service to be removed from the agency that houses prisoners and would permit the inmates to choose what phone service to be used in the jail.

This choice would actually let the inmates begin to run the institution. We would loose control of blocking calls so inmates would be able to call and harass victims. Inmate phone costs would go up and the potential for fraud would be able to creep back into the system. We are absolutely and positively against the proposed BILLED PARTY PREFERENCE for long distance phone calls from correctional institutes.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Oliver "Glenn" Boyer
Sheriff, Jefferson County

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cc: Dick Gephardt, U.S. Congressman
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Dear Sirs:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

L. W. McKiddy
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Jail Administrator

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Policy 92.77

Dear Commissioners:

I'm writing to urge you to turn down Pacific Bell's proposal to use ratepayer money to rebuild its network to provide video, while dumping 96% of the cost on telephone service.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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